**Proposal for Development of Air Fields in Andhra Pradesh**

379. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to select important district head quarters to develop air fields;

(b) if so, te places selected in Andhra Pradesh for development of airports; and

(c) whether any airports will be developed in Andhra Pradesh during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work on expansion and upgradation of Hyderabad airport and runway extension at Tirupathi airport is already in progress.

**Report on Tourism in Bihar**

380. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal to prepare a report on tourism in Bihar State during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to which places such proposals are related; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Report of inquiry into Aurangabad air crash**

381. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enquiry Commission, that probed into the Boeing crash at Aurangabad of 26th April, 1993 of Indian Airlines, has submitted its report to Government wherein it has been found that the Captain of the flight was unfit to fly the aircraft;

(b) what are the principal observations made by the Commission as the reasons of the said air crash; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate such instances in future in order to augment the level of safety in air travel?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Court of Inquiry nas submitted its report to the Government. A copy of the report alongwith a statement indicating the Government decisions on the findings and recommendations and action taken thereon has been placed in Parliament Library vide Index No. 363.12465 N--3.

**Indian Participation in World Conference on Tourism**

382. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the July, 1994 issue of the Top Tourism Bulletin in which a detailed account has been given of the Indian participation in the World Conference on Tourism in Latin America called COTAL, which was recently held in spain and if so, what are the broad details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that India had won the first award at COTAL, and if

so, will Government consider participating in more such international conferences and the details, thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the participation in COTAL and the subsequent visit of the Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism to some of the Latin American countries has created a good deal of interest in India and if so, what is the number of tourists expected from Latin America this year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) India has participated for the first time in the Congress and EXPO of the confederation of tour operators|travel agents|hoteliers of Latin American Countries held in Madrid, Spain from 29-5-94 to 3-6-94. Department of Tourism put up an impressive stand at the Pavillion where publicity literature etc. translated in Spanish language was distributed. An India Evening was also orgainsed which was attended by the Tourism and Travel Industry representatives of various countries.

113 Boo'hs were set up at the Pavilion by participants from not only Latin American Countries and Spain but also from major tourist generating countries like USA, Canada, UK, France, China, Japan, Russia, Taiwan etc.

(b) India won the Best Promotion Award for its overall presentation. COTAL has announced the opening of a chapter in India. The Department is participating in several important international events such as, ITB-Berlin, WTM-London, EIBTM-Geneva, BIT-Milan, FITUR-Madrid, TUR-Sweden, ASTA-America, JATA-Japan, AFTA-Australia, etc.

(c) Yes Sir, a great deal of interest has been shown and it is expected that the number of tourists visiting India would increase in the coming year.

**Emergency exist flown off in mid -air**

383. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the emergency exist of a plane being operated by a private air taxi operater, Archana Airways, had flown off in mid-air recently causing a great deal of panic among the passengers, and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the July, 1994 issue of the Top Tourism Bulletin that the preliminary reports had discounted the taxi operator's version that the accident had taken place because of the tinkering by a curious passenger, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Archana Airways L-410 aircraft, wet leased from LET Aeronautical Works, Czech Republic, was operating a flight from Delhi to Simla on 17-6-94. The aircraft was under the command of Czech crew. After take off, when the aircraft was about 15 nautical miles from Delhi, its right side emergency door had flown off. The aircraft thereafter made a safe landing at Delhi airport.

(b) Investigation into the incident has revealed that inadvertent turning of the handle to the "Open" positon by the passenger/child had caused the emergency door to fly off during the flight.

**Improvement of Tourist facilities at Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

384. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps has been taken to improve the tourist facilities at Andaman and Nicobar, Island which has great tourist potential; and

(b) the reasons for which the weekly air service to Car Nicobar has been